

In witness whereof I the said James Sherman, have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred fifty four

James Sherman 

Signed sealed and delivered

in the presence of
Charles Cochran

Maryland Dorchester County Court: On this sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred fifty four before me one of the Justices of the peace for Dorchester County, appears James Sherman and acknowledges the aforesaid instrument of writing to be his act and deed according to the true intent and meaning thereof and the act of assembly in such Cases made and provided

Charles Cochran

Maryland Dorchester County Court: Be it remembered that on the date of the aforesaid acknowledgment before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appears Eliza Sherman party to the foregoing Bill of Sale or instrument of writing and makes oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that the Consideration set forth in the aforesaid bill of Sale or instrument of writing is true and bona fide as stated therein

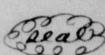
Sworn before - Charles Cochran

Alward Johnson Know all men by these presents that the following Bill of Sale was received and recorded on the 5th day of October 1854 to wit:

Know all men by these presents that I James N. Sherman of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland, for and in consideration of the sum of Six Hundred and forty one Dollars Current money of Maryland, to me in hand paid, by Alward Johnson of the same County and State aforesaid, at and before the sealing and delivering of these presents, the receipt whereof I the said James N. Sherman, do hereby acknowledge, have, granted, bargained, sold and delivered, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and deliver unto the said Alward Johnson his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, a negro boy called Peter aged about nineteen years to serve the said Alward Johnson as a slave until the first day of January Eighteen Hundred and Seventy six, and then to be free. To have and to hold the said negro boy Peter as above bargained and sold, or mentioned and intended to be, to the said Alward Johnson his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns forever. And I, the said James N. Sherman for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators all and singular, the said negro boy Peter unto the said Alward Johnson his executors, administrators, and assigns, against me the said James N. Sherman, my executors and administrators, and against all and every other person or persons whatsoever, shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents.

In witness whereof, the said James N. Sherman and Alward Johnson have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals this fifth day of October Eighteen Hundred and fifty four.

Signed sealed and delivered

James N. Sherman 

in the presence of
Robert R. Robertson

Alward Johnson 

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, Court: Be it remembered that on this fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for the County aforesaid, James N. Sherman and Alward Johnson and did severally acknowledge the within Bill of Sale or instrument of writing to be their act and deed. At the same time before me Justice of the Peace as aforesaid, personally appeared Alward Johnson party purchaser within mentioned, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that the Consideration set forth in the within Bill of Sale or instrument of writing is true and bona fide as therein set forth

Acknowledged & sworn to before - Robert R. Robertson

The erasure of part of the thirteenth and all of the fourteenth, fifteenth & sixteenth lines of the aforesaid

Delivered to Thomas H. Hicks the 17th day of April 1855